place, but was with great force and dexterity driven from it again This same day ten companies of soldiers arrived from London, so that now the town was furnished with 67 companies which made up near the number of 7,000 men These tea companies were straightway employed against the enemy and showed themselves very valorous, doing both then and since passing good service although men were of opinion that they would prove unfit for any service by reason they were raw and untrained

Again on the i6th there was a great skirmish with the eremy, which was long maintained with great fury, valour and resolution on both sides, wherein the enemy would have lost more than he did, had our men been furnished with horsemen It is written from Calais that after this fight there were earned out of the enemy's camp to Bruges 70 waggons laden with wounded men, and in every waggon 10 men at least but when they were brought to Bruges they of the town would not receive them, spying that they had their hospitals already full and therefore required that they might be conveyed to some other towns It was also reported that the enemy lost 450 men, besides those that are wounded , neither was thia attempt accomplished without loss on our side

Such as come from Ostend report for certain that within the town there wanteth not anything fit for the defence thereof, and that all victuals are very plentiful English beer is sold for 2 stivers the can, great measure, for which there is no excise paid On the south side the enemy hath raised a mount from whence he beateth the houses, but especially the Church and steeple which is wholly defaced, otherwise he

doeth small annoyance to the town They of the town have untiled and taken down many houses and also unpaved the streets that the enemy's shot may the less annoy them The Governor and Sir Francis continually employ all their labour and industry, both, within the town and without to raise mounts, and to finish other like works, and to that end such soldiers as will work and employ their time that way either by day or night have I2d the day and I2d the night

Since the besieging of the town the five gallies of Sluys have destroyed a ship of war of Dort and without mercy slew 76 of